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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final Amendments filed on April 24, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-7, 12-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>attached</u> . |
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Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

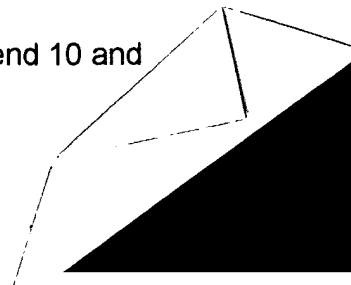
Discussion of Prior Art

1. The following is a statement of reasons for allowance for Claims 1 and 6:

Regarding Claim 1, Chaudhry US 5,724,220 discloses a high voltage protection device (Figures 24-29) that includes a coaxial cable having a central conductor, an outer conductor concentrically positioned in surrounding relation thereto, and a dielectric layer disposed between the central and outer conductors, said surge protection device comprising: a housing 402 having an input end and a body portion that defines an internal cavity; and an electrical component 400 positioned entirely within the said cavity; and an electrically conductive surge protective element 414,416 (Figure 24-25) and 414,430 (Figure 26-29) positioned between said input end and said electrical component, and in electrically operative communication with said body portion, wherein the surge protective element is a semicircular ring and a portion of said ring is in physical and electrical contact with a shoulder formed within the said body of said housing (Column 12, lines 39-67). Chaudhry fails to disclose that the protective element is a ring, and that the ring is configured to surround and not to make physical contact with a conductive pin included within the electrical component.

Volkenau 3,883,774 discloses a ring protective element 9 (Figures 1-2). Volkenau does not disclose that the ring is configured to surround and not to make physical contact with a conductive pin included within the electrical component.

Holland US 4,456,800 discloses a protective device (see Figures 1, 3-4) for dissipating electrostatic discharge comprising a housing 16 having an input end 10 and



a body portion 16 that defines an internal cavity (see body portion and cavity of 16); an electrical component 18 positioned entirely within the cavity; and an electrically conductive surge protective element (see 24, 26 in Figure 3) positioned between the input end and the electrical component, wherein the surge protective element is a ring, and where the ring is configured to surround and not to make physical contact with a conductive pin 28 included within the electrical component. Holland does not disclose the electrically conductive surge protective element in electrically operative communication with the body portion and a portion of the ring in physical and electrical contact with a shoulder formed within the body portion of the housing. This limitation, in combination with the other recited elements, is not disclosed by the Prior Art of Record. Claims 2-4 depend on Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 6, Chaudhry US 5,724,220 discloses a method for providing an alternate path to ground of a high voltage surge carried by a coaxial cable, prior to the surge passing through a coaxial cable connector (Figure 3) having an input end, a body portion 38 defining an internal cavity, a electrical component 10 positioned within the cavity, and an input pin 16 extending forward from the electrical component 10 toward the input end and electrically connected to the center conductor of the coaxial cable, said method comprising the steps of: positioning an electrically conductive ring shaped surge protective element 414,430 (Figures 26-27, which shows an embodiment similar to the one shown Figure 3 with the addition of elements 414,430. Figure 3 is relied upon to clearly show the body portion with an internal cavity common to both embodiments) entirely within said cavity and physically and electrically connected to

said body portion 38 of said connector; and maintaining an air gap of predetermined size between said surge protective element 414, 430 and said input pin 406 (Column 12, lines 39-55). Chaudhry does not disclose that the ring-shaped surge protective element is configured to surround and not to make physical contact with an input pin.

Holland US 4,456,800 discloses a method of dissipating electrostatic discharge by positioning an electrically conductive ring-shaped surge protective element (see 24, 26 in Figure 3) entirely within a cavity of a body portion (see 16 in Figure 1), where the ring-shaped surge protective element is configured to surround and to not make physical contact with an input pin 28; and maintaining an air gap of predetermined size between the surge protective element and the input pin. Holland does not disclose the surge protective element electrically connected to the body portion. This limitation, in combination with the other recited elements, is not disclosed by the Prior Art of Record. Claims 7, and 12-14 depend on Claim 6.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-6002. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on 571-272-2058. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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